



FOREIGN BROADCAST INFORMATION SERVICE  
HONG KONG BUREAU

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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, FBIS  
THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group  
SUBJECT : Hong Kong Bureau Monthly Report for August 1981

I. OPERATIONS

A. Editorial/Monitorial

1. Xinhua Service--Following the resolution of telephone line problems, we are now receiving XINHUA fine. Though it seems implausible that the problems we had been having--disruption of potentially valuable items in mid-sentence, receipt of worthless items in their entirety and several items not received at all--were caused entirely by faulty telephone links, we are nevertheless now able to account for all items transmitted on the circuit. We have processed a number of items that were unique or available before comparable versions on Okinawa Bureau's English or Chinese services. The circuit definitely appears intended for a separate audience from Okinawa's service. We are continuing to evaluate the service; present indications are that it will be worth covering for its own unique items and as a possible emergency backstop of Okinawa's coverage.

2. Philippines Coverage--Philippines coverage has been drastically curtailed. The 0400 GMT Baguio cast is the only one now monitorable. The 2330 FEBC cast is being blocked by a squawking, screeching noise possibly caused by a jammer directed at Taipei Mandarin or Kuala Lumpur Domestic Mandarin. The 0400 cast has also been lost, caused by the apparent closedown of the FEBC shortwave transmitter around 0000 GMT daily.

B. Communications

Butler Link--The bureau's microwave link with Mt. Butler was rendered inoperative by lightning for the third time on 27 August. Bureau technician [redacted] discovered that the recently installed lightning arrestors had not been properly grounded. He repaired the damage the same day. The system has withstood the lightning storms which have hit the area since that time.

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## II. ADMINISTRATIVE

### A. Personnel

1. Change of Command--Outgoing bureau chief [ ] departed Hong Kong 14 August. [ ] was feted by the bureau employees on 13 August at an office party to which the other U.S. agency personnel in Hopewell were invited. He was also the guest of honor at a banquet given by office personnel at one of the Chinese restaurants in Hopewell Centre. The incoming bureau chief and retiring indexer [ ] were also guests of honor. STAT  
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2. Yen Retirement--Bureau indexer [ ] last day of work was 14 August. [ ] deferred retirement will be effective 12 October. She is moving to New Jersey where she will continue the indexing job on contract. STAT  
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3. EODS--Associate editor [ ] an Australian national, on 18 August; teletypist [ ] on 4 August. STAT  
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## III. VISITS

### A. To the Bureau

1. [ ] Seoul Bureau chief, on 13 August while on private travel to Hong Kong. STAT
2. [ ] FBIS personnel officer, 19-24 August. STAT
3. [ ] chief, Field Engineering Branch, 31 August-3 September. STAT

### B. From the Bureau

1. Monitor [ ] on orientation to headquarters 31 August. STAT

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Chief, Hong Kong Bureau

### Attachments:

- A. Production
  - B. List of Equipment received
- cc: Orig. & 3/Hqs.  
Chief, Okinawa and Seoul Bureau  
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